

In the County, during the past year, seven schools have been in very successful operation. Two additional ones will be commenced the present season. Where they have been properly conducted, the white population have given their approval. In some few cases of indiscretion on the part of the teachers, there has been some slight dissent. These schools were held in the "Churches for Colored People"—day sessions for children, night sessions for grown people.

The Baltimore Association for the Moral and Intellectual Improvement of the Colored People supply the teachers, and the patrons of the school pay the board for teachers and for books.

They have erected, to their great credit, an imposing edifice, 25 feet by 40 feet, two stories high, in the town of Cambridge. They have the material for another at New Market, which will be built the present year.

Our Board set aside (see School Law, chap. 1, sec. 1, title Colored Population,) one hundred and twenty-five dollars and fifty-five cents, the amount of State school tax paid by them and appropriated it to the "Jenifer" School House in Cambridge, it being the only one in course of erection at the time. The amount of the County school tax for 1864, '5 and '6, to which they are justly entitled, has never been ascertained as yet, no special disposition has been made of the claim.

#### FINANCES.

We have received from the State tax of 1865.....	\$12,176 83
"          "          County tax of 1864....	1,283 96
"          from Free School Fund 1865....	3,601 75
"          "          "          1866....	2,469 06
"          from sale of Books and Sta'ry..	1,609 25
"          from Teachers for Certificates..	15 00
Refunded by Normal School, advertising.	11 00
Disbursed.....	\$21,116 85
For salaries to Teachers.....	\$14,249 59
Incidental Expenses .....	1,260 31
Books and Stationery.....	2,795 71
Rents of Houses.....	179 90
Salary of Secretary.....	350 00
Salaries under old law.....	38 63
Office Ex. and Account Books....	177 05
Blank Registers, Rep. & By-laws	135 90
Printing and Advertising.....	100 00
Colored People's Tax.....	125 55—19,412 64
Cash in hand.....	\$1,704 21